



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

Whereas, as on June 1, 2011 a EF3 Tornado touched down in the City of Springfield causing devastation and destruction over a 6.5 mile radius, displacing hundreds of resident which resulted in the need for basic necessities including shelter and transportation; and

Whereas, the City of Springfield in conjunction with the Red Cross opened shelter operations at the Mass Mutual Center on Main Street; and

Whereas, Van Pool Transportation, a contractor of the Springfield School System, unselfishly stepped up and volunteered to provide transportation services to families and individuals housed at the Mass Mutual from June 6 to June 30. They were instrumental in providing their services to displaced persons enabling them to get their basic needs met including, Medical; Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA); and Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV); and

Whereas, Van Pool also transported Shelter residents to assess housing compatibility, transported families to permanent housing throughout Hampden and Hampshire Counties and implemented the immediate plan to assure students housed at the shelter were delivered safely to their school sites and returned to the Mass Mutual Center; and

Whereas, Van Pool personnel were courteous, respectful, kind and sensitive to the physical and emotional needs of shelter residents;

Now, Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

Of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

Wednesday, August 24, 2011 as

“Van Pool Transportation Appreciation Day”

in the great City of Springfield, and I urge all our citizens to join with me in recognizing their staff for going above and beyond the call of duty and aiding our City in a time of need.


DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR

God Bless